

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ROBERT RITCH, M.D. AND ROBERT RITCH, M.D. :
LLC, :
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Plaintiffs, :
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- against - :
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NEW YORK EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY and :
JAMES C. TSAI, M.D., Mt. SINAI, :
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Defendants. :
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ORDER
20-CV-7344 (KNF)

KEVIN NATHANIEL FOX
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The initial pretrial conference, which was previously adjourned, will be held on December 3, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. The conference will be held by telephone. The parties are directed to call (888) 557-8511 and, thereafter, enter access code 4862532.

Prior to the conference, the parties must meet or confer by telephone to discuss the matters specified in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) and must complete the attached questionnaire. No discovery plan specified by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) needs to be filed with the Court, but **counsel to the plaintiffs must submit, via the CM/ECF system, the completed questionnaire at least one (1) day before the conference.**

At or prior to the meeting or telephonic conference between the parties, the parties must comply with the automatic disclosure requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1). In addition, if the plaintiff(s) seeks damages for personal injuries, the plaintiff(s) must provide signed authorizations for release of all pertinent records from medical service providers. During the scheduled initial pretrial conference, the parties must be fully prepared to discuss any issues pertaining to this case, including subject matter jurisdiction, venue, schedules for discovery, insurance coverage and settlement.

Please be advised that a court reporter will attend the conference via telephone.

Dated: New York, New York
November 25, 2020

SO ORDERED:



KEVIN NATHANIEL FOX
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

INITIAL CONFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. If not yet made, date for completion of automatic disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a) or, where applicable, Local Civil Rule 33.2 of this court.: _____
2. Number of depositions by plaintiff(s) of: parties _____ non-parties _____
3. Number of depositions by defendant(s) of: parties _____ non-parties _____
4. Number of depositions which the parties expect may last longer than the seven hour limit under Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(d)(2): party _____ non-party _____
5. Number of expert witnesses of plaintiff(s): _____ medical _____ non-medical
Date for expert report(s): _____
6. Number of expert witnesses of defendant(s): _____ medical _____ non-medical
Date for expert report(s): _____
7. Maximum number of requests for admission by: plaintiff(s) _____ and defendant(s) _____
(Note: requests must be served at least 30 days before the discovery deadline)
8. Date for completion of all discovery: _____
N.B. All discovery is to be initiated so as to be completed on or before the date the parties insert at paragraph 8.
9. Date by which plaintiff(s) will supply his or her pretrial order materials to defendant(s):

10. Date by which the parties will submit a pretrial order with trial briefs and either
(1) proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law for a non-jury trial, or (2) proposed voir dire questions and proposed jury instructions, for a jury trial: _____
11. Is there any limitation to be placed on discovery, including any protective or confidentiality order(s)? _____ If yes, please provide a short statement of the limitation(s) needed.
12. Is there any discovery issue(s) on which the parties, after a good faith effort, were unable to reach agreement? _____ If yes, please provide a short statement of the issue(s).

Date:

Date:

Signature of *Pro Se* Plaintiff or
Counsel to Plaintiff(s)

Signature of Counsel to Defendant(s)